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SERVICE PAY CODE Civilian Rates For All The Forces

THE "CHINA MAIL" HAS RECEIVED A SUMMARY OF THE WHITE PAPER ON THE NEW PAY CODE FOR THE NAVY, ARMY AND THE R.A.F. A PRINCIPAL FEATURE IS THE IN PRODUCTION OF A 42S A WEEK RATE FOR THE TRAINED MAN IN BASIC GRADES OF ALL THREE SERVICES. THE ABLE SEAMAN, THE QUALIFIED PRIVATE, OR AIRCRAFTMAN FIRST CLASS. THE NEW RATES OF PAY AND MARSHALL ALLOWANCES WILL COME INTO FORCE FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ON JULY 1, 1946. THE SUMMARY STATES THAT THIS COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE SYSTEM OF RATES OF PAY IN THE FORCES HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN PRIMARILY FOR THE BENEFIT OF POST WAR REGULARS IN ALL THREE SERVICES. THE MAIN OBJECTS OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN:

Pontiff's Interest In Blind Boy

NEW YORK, DEC. 29. GIANFRANCO GABRIA, WHO WAS ADOPTED AND BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE 88TH DIVISION, WILL HAVE THE BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS OF POPE PIUS XII WHEN HE UNDERGOES AN OPERATION TO RESTORE HIS SIGHT.

Private Howard Goren, who accompanied the boy to Baltimore where the operation will be performed, said the youth, who lost his sight when he was kicked by a German horse, had two audiences with the Pope last year. "Each time His Holiness gave him a special blessing," Goren said, and "the very much interested in the boy and it was arranged that when he was to undergo the operation I should read him a letter from the Pope and that not only the Pope but all Italy at his discretion, will pray for Goren's recovery."

Indonesia Peace Plan

LONDON, DEC. 29. DOCTOR J. H. VAN MOOK, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, EMERGED FROM A CONFERENCE WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE LAST NIGHT AND ANNOUNCED HE HAD A PLAN FOR BRINGING PEACE TO BATTLE-TORN JAVA.

Van Mook declined to give details of the plan, but said that full independence for Indonesia now would not solve its problems. The Dutch statesman, saying he was confident his plan would be acceptable to Indonesian Nationalists, would not explain whether the plan had been devised in his consultations with Attlee.

It was necessary, Van Mook told a press conference, that the Dutch and British supervise the country and "see it back on its feet."

"Right now," Van Mook said, "it is fairly certain that famine will come to Java in February and March. The Indonesians must have help, they cannot carry on alone."

The Dutch official said he did not feel free to say anything about the discussions he had with Attlee, Minister of State Philip Noel Baker and other British officials until the British have released an official communiqué. — Associated Press.

ATOM BOMB SECURITY.

Washington, Dec. 29. Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, to-day received official interpretation of the Moscow agreement on the atomic energy problem.

He said the interpretation makes clear that "full security" will surround each stage of dealing with the problem. He reported that assurances have been given that all phases will be "finally subjected to Congressional approval."

He issued the statement following a visit to President Truman with Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson. — Associated Press.

DREISER DEAD

Hollywood, Dec. 29. Theodore Dreiser, 74, noted American author, to-day died of a heart attack. — Associated Press.



Starting from the top, Mickey, Carola and Major Charles Boxer, in Manhattan, a few days before the wedding. Major Boxer is on a mission to Japan, comprised of leading authorities on the Nipponese from several of the United Nations. There is no definite information as to whether Mickey is accompanying him, but she usually prefers to be in on everything. There is no definite information either as to when Major and Mrs. Boxer and child are to be expected back in Hong Kong, but Mickey has confirmed her determination more than once to come back here to stay.

EXPLOSION IN TANKER

GALVESTON, TEXAS, DEC. 29.

THE BODY OF ASKAR ELIN ERIKSSON, 32, WAS RECOVERED NEAR THE SUNKEN SWEDISH TANKER "SVEABORG" TO-DAY, RAISING THE DEATH TOLL TO NINE.

Eight bodies are trapped in the crew's quarters.

Meanwhile, the United States coast guard continued its investigation of the explosion which ripped apart the tanker at the Texas city on Thursday.

A report from the Texas city said attempts are being made to pump out and refloat the vessel to recover the bodies of the trapped crewmen. — Associated Press.

P.W.'S Testimony Was Not Complete

YOKOHAMA, DEC. 29. IN A SHARP REBUKE TO THE AMERICAN PROSECUTION FOR WHAT IT TERMED FAILURE TO OBTAIN COMPLETE EVIDENCE FROM PRISONERS OF WAR, THE WAR CRIMES COMMISSION TRYING THE JAPANESE PRISON CAMP COMMANDER KEI YURI TO-DAY ORDERED THE PROSECUTION TO SEND CABLEGRAMS TO THE UNITED STATES TO OBTAIN COMPLETE AFFIDAVITS FROM KEY WITNESSES. THE PROSECUTION'S CASE AGAINST YURI, WHO WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE OMUTA CAMP, CONTINUED, HOWEVER, WITH THE PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONY BY PRIVATE THOMAS DALE FAGAN WHO WROTE THAT PRIVATE NOAH HEARD HAD TAKEN AMERICAN RED CROSS FOOD AND WAS CAUGHT AND BAYONETTED TO DEATH.

Yuri is accused as commander of the camp for responsibility in the deaths of Heard and Corporal James Pavlovskis who allegedly was beaten, tortured and starved to death.

As the day's hearing in the trial began, Colonel John J. O'Brien, of Seattle, Washington, law member of the Commission, directed that the prosecution obtain affidavits from Lieutenant John Henry Allen, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Second-Lieutenant Owen W. Woods, of Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

Allen had said, in a routine report taken from all ex-prisoners while being repatriated, that he saw Heard being killed and that he had seen Pavlovskis a few days before his death, but there were no details in either case.

The prosecution also introduced an affidavit from Pte. Overt Robert, of Richmond, California, who told of tortures and beatings in the camp commanded by Yuri. He said that when Heard was caught with the food supplies he was stabbed to death with a bayonet. — Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29. President Truman to-day signed the Bill extending the operation of the Export and Import Bank to the Philippines. — Associated Press.

Furore Over Ban On Journalists

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29. DESPITE REPEATED DENIALS BY CHINESE OFFICIALS THAT CHIANG KAI-SHIK'S GOVERNMENT IS MAINTAINING A BLACK-LIST OF AMERICAN AND OTHER NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENTS THAT IT WILL NOT PERMIT TO ENTER CHINA, THE "WASHINGTON POST" REITERATED THE ACCUSATION YESTERDAY. IN A STATEMENT TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE CHINESE EMBASSY DENIED THE ACCURACY OF THE "POST" EDITORIAL.

The "Post" said the Chinese charge against the banned correspondents "undoubtedly is that they wrote articles which the Nationalist authorities found not to their liking."

The newspaper asserted that correspondents on the so-called blacklist are all responsible journalists with considerable experience in China. It added that "their crime is that they have written of Chinese developments as they have seen them instead of taking Chungking's word for it."

The "Post" declared that the inevitable assumption in America will be that news from China is "deliberate or unconscious propaganda."

The paper said the American people must judge for themselves which correspondents in China are informed or not informed, and added: "This job cannot be done for them by men (Chinese officials) who have axes to grind, jobs to perpetuate and possibly lots of dirt to keep hidden."

Chen Chih-mai, the Chinese embassy counsellor told the Associated Press when asked for a statement: "There is no censorship of the native or foreign press in China. The government has no blacklist against newsmen."

"NO CENSORSHIP"

The "Post's" editorial is erroneous as to the supposed facts whereon it is based and as to its conclusions. Both foreign and Chinese reporters are free to report whatever any group or faction says and there is no censorship on communicating it abroad.

Mr. Chen said China dispatches appearing throughout the world narrating what the Nationalists and Communists, as well as other groups, are doing and saying, is evidence to support his contentions.

He noted one recent exception to the non-censorship rule, saying the news of Chiang Kai-shek's visit to Peiping was withheld for a time as a precaution to protect the Generalissimo's life because of the many armed Japanese still remaining in North China.

Mr. Chen reiterated the embassy's recent statement that any National Government prohibition against any journalist "is upon an entirely individual basis." He added that the National Government Ministry of Information continues to handle all cases and permits the embassies abroad no authority concerning them. — Associated Press.

Cassandra Of The Left Wing

LONDON, DEC. 29. A FORECAST OF POSSIBLE EVENTS IN INDIA IN 1946 IS GIVEN BY GEORGE ORWELL, WRITING IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE LEFT-WING WEEKLY "TRIBUNE."

"Regarding India, there will be one deadlock after another," says Orwell.

"There will be civil disobedience, derailment of trains and assassination of prominent Europeans but no large-scale revolt. Famine or near famine will be the condition in South India, Malaya and parts of the Indonesian Archipelago. This will coincide with the annihilation of all over Asia of Fascist movements, proclaiming racial superiority of the coloured peoples."

"Within a few months, Pandit Nehru will announce that the Labour Government is worse than the Conservative Party."

It may be objected that my forecasts are unduly gloomy," adds Orwell, "but I fancy it will

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: Continuing fine and cold.
Yesterday's temperature:—
Minimum:—63 degrees at 5 a.m.
Maximum:—65 degrees at 1 p.m.

TURKISH HOSTILITY TO RUSSIA GROWS

ANKARA, DEC. 29. PRIME MINISTER SHUKRU SARAJOGLU TOLD THE TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THAT "IF KEECE-SARY" TURKEY WILL CONTINUE ALONG THE ROAD WHICH HE SAID GAVE INDEPENDENCE TO HER PEOPLE.

HIS SOMEWHAT OBSCURE STATEMENT FELL INTO A PATTERN OF GROWING HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE DEMANDS THAT "TURKEY RELINQUISH TERRITORY TO THE RUSSIANS."

Appearing before the Assembly, which last week heard General Kazim Karabekir say that Turkey would fight to the death before yielding an inch of land, Sarajoglu declared:

"The road that we have followed in our foreign policy is the same as the one we have pursued since our war of independence, the road of freedom of the peoples, of independence of the road of liberty and independence for our own people."

"If it is necessary, it will be the road our people and you will indicate."

The Turkish Republic was established 22 years ago after an armed revolution which overthrew the Sultan.

Meanwhile, it was unofficially reported that Foreign Minister Hassan Saka, who also voiced the declaration that Turkey is ready to fight rather than back an inch from her frontiers, will go to London to attend a meeting of the United Nations Organisation. — Associated Press.

"OUTSPOKEN THREATS"

MOSCOW, DEC. 28. THE "RED STAR" COMMENTATOR TO-DAY SAID THAT SOME TURKISH EDITORS AND TURKISH DEPUTIES WERE MAKING OUTSPOKEN THREATS AGAINST RUSSIA.

The paper quoted Hussein Yalchin, editor of the newspaper "Tanin," as saying that Russia has been Turkey's traditional enemy for centuries.

It said that Necmeddin Sadak, another journalist, was carrying on provocative discussions on the possibility of announcing a sacred war against Russia by the Western world.

It said that General Kazim Karabekir declared that Turkey would "shed blood" if the Russians insist on territorial demands and that would mean a blow against Turkey and "bring action on the part of all Anglo-Saxons." — Associated Press.

PATH OF HONOUR

Ankara, Dec. 29. Prime Minister Sarajoglu, addressing Parliament to-day, summed up Turkey's policy abroad in these words: "Our path is foreign affairs is that which we have followed since our way of independence: the path of liberty and independence of our own people and the path of honour which, in case of need, the nation will still follow."

Sarajoglu was speaking at the presentation of the Turkish budget which was carried by 376 votes to four. — Reuter.

Striking Success Of Big Three Talks

NEW YORK, DEC. 29. NEWSPAPERS OF THREE GREAT POWERS LAUDED THE WORK OF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS AT MOSCOW AS AN IMPORTANT STRIDE TOWARD A TRULY PEACEFUL WORLD. THEY ALL AGREED THAT THE ATOMIC AGREEMENT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT.

JAPANESE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS RECEIVED ALMOST EQUAL ATTENTION IN MOSCOW AND THE UNITED STATES ALTHOUGH THEY WERE VIRTUALLY IGNORED IN ENGLAND.

The most enthusiastic reception came from Moscow whose Foreign Minister scored a victory in the Nipponese control arrangements.

The official Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia" said the decisions represent a new step toward the development of collaboration of the Allied States" without which "there will be no firmness of peace."

This was approximately the tenor of the London press which contrasted the conference with the dismal feeling of the five Foreign Ministers' meeting last autumn.

The "Daily Telegraph" cautioned: "It must not be thought that all difficulties are at an end."

"The London conference was clearly too bad to be true, and the Moscow conference will prove too good to be true if the spirit of frankness and amity which clearly inspires it is not carried into force."

The "Times" called the conference a striking success.

The "Daily Mail" saw welcome signs of revival of confidence and willingness of all to compromise. — Associated Press.

China Hails Big Three

CHUNGKING, DEC. 29. CHINESE OFFICIALS AND UNOFFICIAL QUARTERS TO-DAY HAILED THE "BIG THREE" ACCORD PARTICIPATED IN REGARD TO CHINA.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT INCREASED HOPES THAT CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY OVER MANCHURIA WOULD BE ASSURED AND ENHANCED PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND UNITY IN CHINA.

The agreement for withdrawal of American and Russian troops at the earliest practicable moment was taken to mean, first, there was bound to be a delay in the withdrawal from Manchuria, which was scheduled for completion by Jan. 3; and, secondly, American forces would withdraw as soon as Japanese troops are disarmed and repatriated.

Official quarters said they would have no comment until after studying the announcement. One spokesman said China's inclusion in the Allied coalition for Japan was in line with Chinese wishes. Concerning Korea, he said: "China has always advocated independence for Korea." — Associated Press.

Quake In Pacific

Berkeley, Dec. 29. The University of California seismograph to-day recorded a "fairly large" earthquake probably somewhere in the South Pacific.

The California Technology Institute at Pasadena said that the quake was of great intensity and about 7,000 miles in distance.

The California College seismograph at Buffalo said that the "very severe earthquake" was "destructive" in nature. — Associated Press.

Sacrificed On Altar Of Dividends

LONDON, DEC. 29. OVER-CAUTIOUS AND PUSHTASTIC AND SACRIFICING SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT IN BRITAIN ON THE ALTAR OF HIGHER DIVIDENDS, THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION'S CONFERENCE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL PLANNING WAS TOLD BY PROF. D. E. OUPHANY, ATOMIC BOMB SCIENTIST.

"We have too many partners and moribund directors who, once a year, gather to a director's meeting far from the centre of production and insist that the \$2,000,000 which the technical manager suggests should be spent on research and new equipment should not be provided in the face of the desirability of keeping the year's dividends up to usual."

Ouphany said America and Russia were far ahead of Britain in matters of applied science. He criticised those who urged caution in the development of atomic energy. — Associated Press.

BRITISH ARREST MYSTERY DUCHESS

BATAVIA, DEC. 28. A SENSATION WAS CAUSED HERE WHEN BRITISH INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ARRESTED THE DUCHESS OF BRANDENBURG, VAN OLSEN AND HER FEMALE COMPANION, MILLY LANGCIS-VANSENBURG.

These two women, during the Japanese occupation, were responsible for the arrest by Japanese of numerous Dutch women.

The Duchess, who is of German origin, is the widow of the former leading Dutch Nazi leader, who was arrested by the Dutch authorities at the outbreak of the war. He later was imprisoned and died in jail in Holland.

Subsequently the Duchess married a prominent Japanese named Sasaki who, according to certain accounts, later mysteriously disappeared.

The Duchess of Brandenburg van Olsen resided in Batavia in a magnificent mansion where she lived in sumptuous style. She lavishly entertained senior Japanese generals and high officials and, more recently, had been freely frequented by Allied officers of high rank. — Associated Press.

BOMB SHIP SAFE

New York, Dec. 29. The Liberty ship "Henry D. Thoreau" reports that the danger of 5,000 tons of bombs breaking loose in the hold has been averted and "unless we hit bad weather we will be all right. Please cancel our distress message," it said.

The ship had previously sent out S.O.S. messages reporting that "nothing could save us" if the bombs gave way entirely. — Associated Press.

JEWS STILL COING

London, Dec. 29. A Colonial Office spokesman said to-day that Jewish immigration into Palestine was continuing, but added that the five-year entry of 75,000 Jews set by the 1939 "White Paper" was nearly exhausted.

Commenting on a Jewish agency statement that immigration had been stopped completely, the official said that the December figures were not yet received but that they probably would show that some 12,000 Jews had entered the country. — Associated Press.

AN ABSOLUTE MONARCH

Ruler Of Saudi Arabia A Puritan

New Political Party Demand

Tokyo, Dec. 29. The Government is expected to inaugurate a new farm reform measure around Jan. 10, news papers reported as Communists failed in the attempt to obtain a majority for a common front of their respective farm union groups.

Meanwhile a new political party called Independent Socialists, demanded that Japan's Premier be elected by the people instead of the present appointment by the throne.

A spokesman for the social democratic party said they had declined the Communist proposal for the funding of the farm organization, according to the Kyodo News Agency with the remark: "Our farm groups will solve the food problem by themselves within a few months."

The Government farm reform bill was passed by the last Diet under pressure of the MacArthur Directive. Associated Press.

No Movies Or Newspapers

(By Jean Meegan).

CAIRO, DEC. 28. IBN SAUD, SELF-MADE KING OF SAUDI ARABIA, IS, AT 66, THE MOST IMPORTANT ABSOLUTE MONARCH ALIVE AND THE RULER OF THE LARGEST ARAB NATION SINCE MOHAMMED THE FIRST. HE HAS POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER 5,000,000 SUBJECTS, WILL STAND FOR NO PRESS—FREE OR OTHERWISE. PURITANICALLY OPPOSES SMOKING, DRINKING, AND GAMBLING, AND HAS SEEN TO IT THAT THE URBAN MOTION PICTURE HAS NOT PENETRATED HIS DOMAIN.

He has used religion as a political instrument and lives up to the letter of the Koran. Annually in a procession at Mecca with his courtiers, cooks, slaves, wives, or wives, servants, and grandchildren. No accurate census of his offspring ever has been taken but he is reported to have made the remark: "In my youth and manhood, I made a nation. Now in my declining years

I make men for the population." FOUR AT ONCE. One estimate which placed the number of living princes born in Mecca at 31 was later called "wildly conservative." The king is permitted four wives at a time and there is a frequent chance in the east of characters. Saud is six feet four, with huge voice, quick mind, remarkable memory, and the habit of generosity. No one ever leaves him for the first time empty handed. Anyone, that is, except the Jews, whose entrance into Palestine he opposes.

In an interview two and a half years ago he asserted: "I know of nothing that justifies the Jewish claims in Palestine. Centuries before the advent of Mohammed, Palestine belonged to the Jews. But the Romans prevailed over them, killed some and dispersed the rest. No trace of their rule remained."

IN DEVONI. "Then the Arabs seized Palestine from the Romans, more than 1,300 years ago, and it has remained ever since in the possession of the Moslems."

One other statement regarding Palestine and the Jews was in reference to the British promise after the last war that there would be a Jewish home in the Holy Land. "That," snapped Saud, "is about as realistic as a promise by an Arab government to found a Jewish home in Devonshire."

"Since Jerusalem always has been a Moslem, Holy Land as well as a Jewish and Christian one. Arabs wonder why Palestine was not the least suitable rather than the most suitable spot on the globe for such a venture." Associated Press.

Philippine Rice Shortage

Manila, Dec. 29. The Philippine's 1945 rice crop is 50 per cent below normal. United States High Commissioner Paul McNutt disclosed today. There is a shortage of 500,000 tons.

The Combined Food Board has agreed to boost the current quarter quota for the islands to 44,000 tons including 28,000 from the United States, 15,000 from Japan and 3,070 tons held by the United States commercially in Chile.

McNutt said there is almost a complete disruption in island transport facilities which makes the Philippine food situation even more acute than rice deficit figures. Associated Press.

ITALIAN MOANS

Rome, Dec. 29. Italian newspapers to-day continued to voice sharp dissatisfaction with the formula laid down by the Big Three Foreign Ministers conference in Moscow on the drafting of the Italian Peace Treaty.

Italian commentators said the formula gave no consideration to Italy's role as co-belligerent during the last 18 months of the war. Associated Press.

Right Track

Moscow, Dec. 29. Authoritative high American quarters to-day appraised the decisions reached at the Conference of the Foreign Ministers as a major step forward in collaboration between the United States, Britain and Russia.

The meeting helped clear the atmosphere of suspicion and put collaboration between the three nations back on the right track. Some observers said the greatest accomplishment was Russian acceptance of the agreement with regard to atomic power. Associated Press.

Four More Nips Charged

Tokyo, Dec. 29. Allied Headquarters here to-day ordered the trial in Manila of four former Japanese soldiers charged with the slaying of six Filipino and one Chinese civilians. The defendants have been held in Manila.

Mariano Uyeki was accused of killing Jami Dioso at Jaro, Iloilo City, on May 10, 1942.

Tongo Shirakura, Yoshiaki Sumitani and Tushimita Ozono were charged with the joint murder of Ramon Jaguren, Rocela Jaguren, Revencia Jaguren, Alfonso Hontinas, Edmundo Bernades and a Chinese named Tan Tan on Nov. 7, 1944, at Iloilo City. Associated Press.

Indonesian Leaders Worked For Dutch

BATAVIA, DEC. 29. THEY LOOK LIKE TEEN-AGE BOYS IN WHITE SHORTS. THESE NEW REPUBLICAN LEADERS WHO HOLD THE GOVERNMENT OF JAVA IN THEIR HANDS — BUT ACTUALLY THEY ARE ALL MATURE MEN. ALMOST 100 PER CENT UNIVERSITY TRAINED, WITH EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE DUTCH.

SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED OR EXILED FOR LONG PERIODS BY THE DUTCH FOR THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

Prime Minister Sutan Sjahrir spent nine of his 39 years in exile. Early in life he joined a youth movement, and at law college in Holland he became a member of a nationalist organization. He was very active in "Pendidikan Nasional Indonesia" on his return to the Indies.

For these activities he was banished to Digoel, New Guinea, and during the tedious years of internment read and wrote extensively. His pamphlets and published works kept alive the nationalist spirit, and Indonesians consider him the best educated and most literary man in the cabinet.

NOBLE BIRTH. Doctor Muria, the new minister of education, is a Sumatran of noble birth, studied education and law at Amsterdam, winning a doctorate in philosophy. He was for many years a member of "Polkard" (people's council under the Dutch).

The Netherlands Information Service says he "performed valuable work in the council and consequently was appointed an officer in the Order Oranje Nassau."

Justice Minister Doctor Sumandi was formerly an official in the department of education and religion under the Dutch. He studied in the school for civil administration at Magelang. He was one of the most active members of the oldest nationalist movement.

Doctor Adidarmo, minister of social affairs, is 38-years old, a physician and a socialist educated in Holland. He resides in East Java.

ARRESTED BY DUTCH. Thirty-eight year old Amir Sjarifuddin studied at Leyden, Holland, and graduated from law school at Batavia. Two years after graduation he was arrested by the Dutch for a "seditious pamphlet," and spent a year and a half in prison.

For a time he was an officer in the department of economic affairs under H. J. van Moenk, now acting governor-general, and for his underground anti-Fascist activities he was sentenced to death by the Japanese, but the Japanese surrender saved him.

The minister of finance, previously was a lecturer in economy at the law school in Batavia. He was a member of the old political party, "Partai Nasional Indonesia." He graduated from Leyden and was officer general of the People's Bank of Batavia before becoming economic professor.

The minister of communications, Abdul Karim, is a graduate of Bandung University of Engineering. He took no part in political activities under the Dutch, but was one-time registrar at the department of education and religion.

Doctor Darmawan, the minister of welfare, is a graduate of a technical university near London, Holland, and from 1920 to

Gendarmerie Chief On Trial

Manila, Dec. 29. Lieut. Col. Suichi Ohta, who brought Japanese gendarmerie torture methods to the Philippines, went on trial for his life before a military tribunal here to-day.

Ohta is charged with permitting his Kempeitai to commit inhuman atrocities after the fall of Manila in 1944.

Witnesses described the grim scenes in Fort Santiago, in Manila's old walled city section, where they said the Japanese tried to obtain information from civilians and prisoners of war with a variety of continuous physical and mental tortures.

To be taken to Fort Santiago during the Japanese occupation was recognized in Manila as akin to facing a Middle-Ages inquisition.

It carried the implications—of worse—that being taken to the Supreme Court or Stanley prison did in Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation.

Many persons were kept there for long periods and emerged broken in health or spirit—or both. Many never emerged.

China was flown here from Japan a fortnight ago. Associated Press.

CLEARING BONINS. The Navy reported to-day that the evacuation of Japanese military personnel from the Bonin Islands is progressing rapidly. It said that both Japanese and American ships are being used in an effort to get 100,000 Japanese home by Jan. 1 in order to free United States garrison troops of occupation duty. Associated Press.

Yokohama, Dec. 29. The American transport "Matson" sailed this morning to increase to 65,000 the total of troops departing from this port for the United States during December. This is 10,000 above the November total. The "Matson" brought a load of Japanese and American-born Misses on its trip to Japan. Associated Press.

Tokyo, Dec. 29. According to Kyodo's news agency, 51 labour unions with membership of over 20,000 have been organized in the Metropolitan district of Tokyo.

An average of 7 to 10 new organizations are reported daily. Associated Press.

Sapru Committee Condemns Pakistan

NEW DELHI, DEC. 28. THE SAPRU COMMITTEE IN ITS FINAL REPORT ON INDIAN CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS ISSUED TODAY, ENDORSED "A SINGLE INDIAN UNION INCLUDING THE WHOLE OF BRITISH INDIA AND ALL INDIAN STATES."

AT THE SAME TIME THE COMMITTEE DESCRIBED AS "UNACCEPTABLE" CLAIMS FOR "SECESSION OR NON-ACCESSION WHEREBY INDIVIDUAL PROVINCES AND STATES CAN KEEP OUT OF THE UNION."

"Secession is revolt from and repudiation of the constitution in its essence and an extra-constitutional act," the committee said.

The committee said that it therefore urges withdrawal of the provision of non-accession for Provinces and States in the Cripps proposals of 1942.

The Sapru Report concludes that the Indian Muslims are not a separate nation from other communities and says the demands of the all-India Muslim League had not solved communal problems but only caused fresh ones.

On grounds of defense alone the country's division into two independent states would endanger the safety of both and additionally lead to perpetual foreign domination, it was said.

The report said the committee is convinced that a democratic constitution is best for India and also that a Parliamentary Government is not unsuited to India and could be worked even with a communally composed legislature executive. Associated Press.

to the Commonwealth's Washington office as delegation secretary. Associated Press.

China's Team For Japan

Washington, Dec. 29. Chinese and Filipino officials in Washington today expressed optimism that the Far Eastern Advisory Commission now leaving for Japan will be successful in determining long time policies governing the future of the defeated ex Empire.

Lieut. General Chu Shih-min, Military Attaché to the China Embassy here, is a member of the delegation to the Commission representing China together with five others, namely, Yang Chun-chiu, Director of the East Asia Department of the Chinese National Government Foreign Office now in Washington, Major Shu Chin-nan, General Chu's aide, Liu Ying-tsun, delegation secretary, and Chin Yun, Chinese Government Foreign Office attaché at present in China and joining the delegation in Japan.

Thomas Confesor, technical assistant to Philippine President Osmena, also now in Washington will head the Filipino Delegation, others being Antonino Gonzales, technical advisor to Osmena and Miss Rosaria Menchaca, attached

In Aid of H.E. The Commander-in-Chief's HONG KONG DISTRESS FUND

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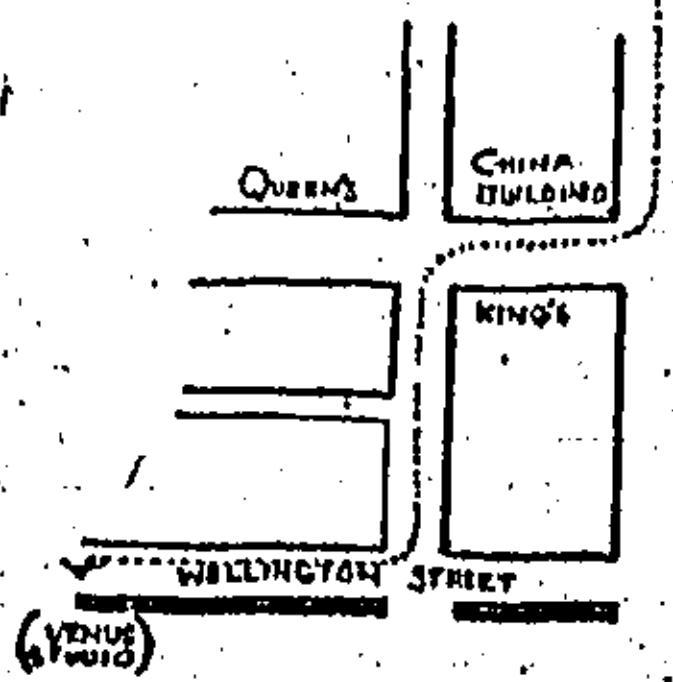
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28 NATIONS SIGN

Washington, Dec. 29. The Bretton Woods Monetary Agreements were formally signed yesterday by 28 of the 46 nations which drafted them in July 1944.

Russia was the only big power absent. She has until Dec. 31 to ratify and sign as one of the original 46 nations.

The nations signing were: Britain, the United States, France, China, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iraq, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Union of South Africa, Uruguay and Yugoslavia. Associated Press.

WAKE ISLAND KILLINGS

Pearl Harbour, Dec. 29. Pacific Fleet Headquarters here to-day disclosed that the 98 civilians killed in Wake Island by the Japanese on Oct. 7, 1943, were not Pan-American Airways employees. It said they were employees of the Pacific naval and air bases and contractors.

They were identified with the Pan-American Airways staff during the recent trial of two Japanese officers who were convicted and sentenced to death for responsibility in their executions. Associated Press.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE ENTERTAINMENT

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TAKES PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING THE

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BIG FOOTBALL MATCH
AT SOOKUNPOO TO-DAY

Navy Win Third Match

The Royal Navy completed the Quadrangular Cricket Tournament yesterday with their third straight victory over a Hong Kong eleven by the narrow margin of 11 runs at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.

The match was an exciting affair with not much time to go before time for drawing stumps. Navy took first lease of the wicket and by lunch had knocked out 74 runs for the loss of six wickets. Good bowling by A. R. Minu, who claimed six wickets, saw the Navy finally dismissed for 137 runs. Lt. Brown hit a steady 45. Next highest scorer was Mtd. Dawes with 38 runs.

In spite of some heavy hitting by Dr. E. L. Gosano, Hong Kong managed to collect only 125 runs. Gosano in scoring 39 hit a six. Dale was the most successful bowler, claiming five Hong Kong wickets.

Commando Function

Over 150 members of H.Q. No. 3 Commando Brigade were present at their Christmas and New Year dinner held last night at the Dairy Farm Cafe.

Owing to a pressing engagement Brigadier H. D. Fellows, D.S.O., was not able to attend and among the officers present were Capt. J. A. Allen, R.M., Capt. J. A. Pollock, R.M., Capt. Morse, R.M., and Lieut. Fouss, R.M.

The dinner was presided over by the president, Col. Richards, senior Corporal of Brigade Headquarters. The success of the function was largely due to the organisation of Col. Stephenson assisted by Pte North and Marine Southern, members of the committee.

Among the guests present was P.O. Florence of U.S.S. Vestal.

ONE OF THE BEST FOOTBALL GAMES THIS SEASON SHOULD BE WITNESSED AT SOOKUNPOO THIS AFTERNOON WHEN ROYAL NAVY MEET COMBINED CHINESE IN THE RETURN GAME TO DECIDE THE DESTINY OF THE CUP PRESENTED BY MR. M. K. LO, C.B.E.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET, ADMIRAL SIR BRUCE FRASER, WILL ATTEND THE GAME, WHICH IS IN AID OF H.E. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF CHINESE DISTRESS AND THE CHINA RELIEF FUND.

The two teams met a fortnight ago and after an exciting game Yung-ang, Eak Yow-wah, Kwok Wing-ki, Leung Wing-chiu, Lo side scoring once. The Navy is all out to capture the cup this time and are fielding a very strong side. Only five of the players who took part in the last match have been able to retain a place in the side.

On the other hand the Chinese are confident of winning to-day. They have lost the "Hwa Koo" Cup to Royal Air Force and are keen on winning a trophy this season.

The Chinese are fielding a stronger side than that which held United Services to a draw on Sunday. The forward line has been greatly strengthened by inclusion of Wong King-cheung, Lee Tak-kee and Chau Man-chi, and the defence with Kwok Wing-kee, as a wing half, is much stronger.

BETTER INDIVIDUALLY Whereas the Navy team appears to have the better individual players, the Chinese understand one another's play better and it may be a very important factor this afternoon.

In the event of a draw extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played. The game will be controlled by Mr. A. Metcalke, a first class referee, who officiated in big games at home and in Shanghai recently. He will be assisted by C. P. O. Rogers and Mr. F. A. Barretto.

It is hoped that the players chosen will turn up on time and if unable to play will give the team managers sufficient notice for them to make arrangements. Prices of admission are \$5 for seats and \$1 to the ground.

The following are the provisional teams:

Navy: P. O. Bax (H.M.S. Saboteur), Sig. Swash (H.M.S. Tanager), P. O. Hsieh (H.M.S. Kelantan), A. B. Williams (H.M.S. Tanager), Mne. Poyton (R.M.T.B.), Sig. Booth (Capt.) H.M.S. Tanager, P. O. Pontious (H.M.S. Artifice), Mne. Penam (H.M.S. Saboteur), James (H.M.S. Adamant), Mne. Perry ("A" Coy. R.M.E.), Mne. Hunter ("A" Coy. R.M.E.).

Hockey Match

In a clean friendly hockey game on Murray Parade ground yesterday Thunderbolts beat 4th Indian Signal Corps by six goals to one.

Hamid and Grewal were the best players in the Thunderbolts defence and in the attack Pritam Singh, Narinder Singh and Yusuf shone.

Thunderbolts led by three clear goals at the interval through Narinder Singh, Udhay Singh and Yusuf. Further goals were added in the second half by Narinder Singh, Pritam Singh and Yusuf.

Signals scored their only goal through Herjinder Singh who was the best player in the attack.

The Thunderbolt team is composed mostly of Indians and was formed in Macao, where they participated in the Macao Hockey League.

Not Committed

Washington, Dec. 29. Senator Lucas declared yesterday that evidence before the Pearl Harbor investigating committee established the fact that President Roosevelt made no pre-war commitments to fight Japan.

Lucas told reporters that "evidence up to this time has definitely disclosed that not a single secret commitment was made by Mr. Roosevelt with Britain or any other country to go to war before the Pearl Harbor attack."

Republican members of the investigating committee said they wanted to hear more testimony before they pass judgment—Associated Press.

R.A.F. LEAGUE TEAM

Owing to the expense involved in the running of two teams, Royal Air Force are only entering one team in the Football League. The players of the Air Force are scattered all over Kowloon and the New Territories.

It is understood that the vacancy thus caused will be filled by Kwong Wah, who have requested admittance to the League.

Players wishing to represent the Civilians in this Football League are requested to attend a trial game on the Hong Kong Football Club ground on Wednesday next at 5.15 p.m.

During their stay in Hong Kong, Air Marshal Sir Keith Park and Lady Park will be staying at Government House.

COMMISSION KEEPS ON

Hamilton Field, Calif., Dec. 29. Maj. Gen. Frank McCoy, chairman of the already existent Far Eastern commission, said to-day he did not know whether the "big three" formation of the new Far Eastern policy commission would supersede his 10-nation organization. Russia never had agreed to participate in the commission McCoy heads and which is now on its way to Japan.

There are 38 persons in McCoy's Japan-bound international group. "Unless we are ordered back we will proceed," McCoy said. "We have not heard a thing about the new control commission and there is nothing for us to say. We are proceeding under our original orders."—Associated Press.

SERVICE PAY CODE

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two pay scales—one for the highest groups and one for all the others. MAJESTIC ALLIANCE.

The marriage allowance system is also being very greatly simplified.

There clearly cannot be one uniform pay system into which all categories of service men can be fitted, but the three separate pay systems which have been approved will result in a broad equality between men of similar attainments and qualifications, which ever service they join. The rates and conditions of marriage allowance and qualifying allowances will be the same in all three services and so will new scales of pensions and gratuities for service.

As regards comparison with civilian wages it is not possible to establish any close correspondence at all points, but a suitable broad relationship has been established between the men in basic grades in the services and roughly comparable civilian workers in Government industrial establishments. In arriving at this result various special factors affecting the servicemen have been taken into account.

EQUAL TO £5 WAGE

The present pay system must continue whereby forces are remunerated on the basis of pay plus provision in kind (food, accommodation, clothing, etc.) with separate marriage allowance in addition to pay for married men. In addition to these factors account must be taken in making any comparison with civilian wages of various expenses to which the serving man is not liable.

Taking account of these considerations and of the other factors referred to, it has been decided to fix the service pay of trained men in basic grades—any able seaman or stoker first class, star private or aircraftman first class—at 42s. a week. This may be taken in the case of a married man receiving a marriage allowance as equivalent of a civilian wage of £5 a week.

New rates of pay represent a considerable increase, particularly for the fighting man who is not a tradesman, over present rates of basic pay—including the 7s. a week war increase, but excluding war service increments. They are very much in advance of pre-war rates.

A recruit on entry for instance received 1s. a day before the war, and the recruit now receives 21s. a week. Future recruits will receive 28s. a week. Similarly, a trained infantryman whose pay before the war was 21s. a week and is now 31s. 6. a week, will receive 42s.

Some men, for the most part those who have had prolonged war service and are drawing substantial temporary additions to pay in the form of war service increments, will be getting more than the new code provides. Special arrangements are being made for these men.

GRANTS FOR CHILDREN The present system of marriage allowance, which provides for additions in respect of children (within certain limits) irrespective of number, will come to an end.

However appropriate this arrangement may have been under war conditions, when men with several children had to enter services in junior ranks, the system is unsatisfactory because the resulting allowance in the case of large families gives, a married man in the services, so very much more than the service bachelor and

the married man with a small family for doing the same work. It also becomes more difficult to establish an appropriate relationship between service remuneration and civilian wages.

Under the post-war code therefore, there will be a flat rate of marriage allowance for all married men of the same rank qualified to receive allowance. Basic rate will be 35s. a week and there will be higher rates for men of the rank of sergeant and above.

The minimum qualifying allowance for marriage allowance will be 10s. 6d. a week for corporals and below in place of the present corresponding rates which range from 7s. a week upwards. Sergeants and above will pay higher rates of qualifying allowance. These qualifying allowances will be paid in addition to the allowance in each case.

Children of service men will be eligible, in common with the children of civilians, for allowances under the provisions of the Family Allowances Act.

The qualifying age for marriage allowance for men, which was 25 (Navy) or 26 (Army and R.A.F.) before the war, will now be 21. There will be special arrangements for men who may nevertheless get married before the age of 21.

It will not be possible to continue the extra statutory income tax concession by which marriage allowance and family allowance in the man's taxable income. Such allowances are in effect an addition to the pay of a married man and they should be taxed (subject to the normal taxation reliefs) like any other wages.

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Bacon, Socks Make A Meal

Thomas Seabourne, 70-year-old hunter at the Nino Mine Point Colliery, near Blackwood, Man, consumed this meal at a 50¢ for a bowl.

One pair of worsted socks, half a pound of candles, half a pound of bacon and a few shirt buttons all boiled together until they became liquid.

Tojo Defence

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

Says that General Hideki Tojo, who once tried to kill himself, is seriously considering his defence was seen to day with his request to Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters that three Japanese Colonels and his former secretaries, stand as witnesses at his war crimes trial.

The colonels are Sadie Akama, two, Commander of the 27th Infantry Regiment in Central China, Nishimura Sumamu, who is on the staff of the Expeditionary Forces of China in Nanking, and Takashima Hattori, Commander of the 6th Infantry Regiment in Changsha, Central China.

Headquarters informed the former Tojo that full consideration will be given on request that the witnesses be brought here when such request is made through Tojo's Counsel. Associated Press.

Deadlock In Allied Control Of Germany

FRANKFURT, DEC. 29.

GEN. JOSEPH T. MCNARNEY, CHIEF OF THE UNITED STATES OCCUPATION FORCES IN GERMANY, EXPRESSED THE BELIEF IT WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO RESTORE A SUSTAINING ECONOMY FOR GERMANY AS LONG AS THE FRENCH HOLD OUT AGAINST TREATING THE COUNTRY AS A SINGLE ECONOMIC UNIT.

MCNARNEY'S VIEW WAS SET FORTH IN HIS FIRST MONTHLY REPORT AS UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNOR, REFLECTING AN ATTITUDE OF TEMPERED CONFIDENCE.

MacArthur Directives

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

Finance Ministry officials have completed the war profits tax measure calculated to raise 100,000,000,000 Yen which will be presented to Allied Headquarters on Dec. 31 for approval, said Japanese sources to-day.

The measure, which was prompted by Gen. MacArthur's "it doesn't pay directive", provides for assessments between 10 per cent and 100 per cent, war profits and between 10 per cent and 70 per cent, property tax.

Kyodo News Agency has reported two other moves in response to Allied Headquarters directives: The Welfare Ministry is expected to issue to-day specific instructions that nationally, religion or social status henceforth will not effect employment wages or working conditions of workers. Professors of government and other officials will inspect frequently civilian enterprises to which the decrees apply and the government ministers will be responsible to its application.

An Imperial Ordinance also will be issued to-day providing penalties for infraction of the measure prohibiting instruction in all forms of aircraft and flying. The maximum penalties are three years imprisonment and a 5,000 yen fine. Associated Press.

Hopes Dashed

Washington, Dec. 29.

The Iranian Ambassador to Washington, Hussein Ala, to-day said he "was very disappointed" at the lack of any reference to Iran in the Big-Three Moscow communiqué.

"We had been placing our hopes on this meeting and on the United States" for a settlement of the disturbances in Northern Iran, "but now we find our hopes have not been justified."

Ala told a reporter that he most certainly intended to confer with Secretary of State Byrnes when he returns to Washington on Saturday to follow up the matter and see what was being done about Iran. Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.

President Truman to-day signed the \$2,000,000,000 Deficiency Supply Bill carrying funds for the U.N.R.R.A., veterans' housing, navigation and food control. Among funds in the measure, \$760,000,000 for the U.N.R.R.A. Associated Press.

Europe Short Of Coal

Washington, Dec. 29.

The Solid Fuels Administration, Mr. Harold Ickes, today said the United States Government is trying to make up the deficiency in coal shipments to Europe and expressed the hope that European countries would receive more American coal in 1946.

Ickes said at a press conference that the 450,000 gross ton deficiency in shipments was due to lack of maritime transportation rather than coal shortage in the United States.

He expressed confidence that the coal mines of the Ruhr and the Balkans would be able to supply a large part of European coal demands by next winter. He said, however, that more efficiency in the operation of German mines could be achieved if they were placed under a single administration.

Ickes criticised the tri-power administration of the German mines and declared that much of the deficiency in production resulted from it.

He also declared that the Ruhr mines could be placed on a 50 per cent, pre-war output basis by increasing their efficiency.

He said United States coal production had reached 96 per cent of pre-war output and is now 60 per cent of the overall needs of American and foreign consumers.

Nevertheless, Ickes said, a "fuel stringency" faces the United States. Associated Press.

As The Yanks Pull Out

SHANGHAI, DEC. 29.

THE FORGOTTEN MEN OF SHANGHAI ARE COMING OUT OF HIBERNATION. YOU CAN SEE THEM CAUTIOUSLY POKING THEIR NOSES OUT ON AVENUE JOFFRE, AND SNIFING THE SOIR-DE-PARIS-LADEN AIR. A FEW OF THE BOLDER ONES HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE NIGHT CLUBS.

FOR FOUR MONTHS THEY EITHER WORKED AT NIGHT, OR SLEPT, OR READ THE NEWLY-ARRIVED MAZAZINES. THE YANKS WERE IN TOWN AND THE YANKS HAD TAKEN OVER.

But now the Yanks are packing up and going home. Latins and blue-blooded Slavs though they are, the local boys have been out in the cold ever since the end of the war flooded the town with greenbacks, jeeps and GIs.

On that historic day in September when the first American sauntered jauntily down Peking Road and Seymour Road, Shanghai's feminine population took one long look and disappeared into beauty parlours, hairdressers and salons.

When they emerged that night the rest of the town stopped and stared. For, though Shanghai had been famous for its beautiful women before the war, four years of wear, tear and spavily had stripped the Shanghai girl of a lot of her glamour and left her a pair of unpressed slacks and hair done up in a bun.

But all that disappeared overnight, and the local divorce rate hit a 100-year peak.

Lonely Ladies

Newspapers doubled their classified advertisement space as lonely landladies offered rooms to "U.S. Servicemen only" and "attractive young ladies" offered everything from "exchange of languages" to matrimony.

While the accumulated GI payroll lasted the night clubs were packed. Family girls turned barmaids and barbers turned bar-keepers and if you saw a man in civies in any of the nightspots he was the manager.

And still there weren't enough girls. Russian washerwomen well beyond the first flush of youth swapped the wash-tub for a cabaret floor and seamstresses rode around in jeeps. One

Britain Should Back Dutch

Edinburgh, Dec. 29.

"Will colonial powers be asked to face the problem that they must rectify their rule or abandon it, and that applies to Britain as well as the Dutch," says the welcoming "Scotsman" to-day of the Dutch Prime Minister and Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies.

The paper adds: "Britain would certainly resist any suggestion that her forces might be used to impose a particular form of government on the Indonesians but on the other hand it would not be fair simply to withdraw the British forces and allow the Japanese-trained Indonesians to overthrow Dutch rule at a time when Holland has been weakened as a result of her war with Germany."

The paper suggested that the Dutch Ministers must convince the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, that the Dutch policy for the East Indies is in the best interests of the Indonesians and one which Britain ought to support with British forces. Reuter.

ITALY DISPLEASED

Rome, Dec. 29.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi to-day received the United States, British and Russian Ambassadors, presumably to hear a report on the Moscow conference of Foreign Ministers. An Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman said to-day.

It was expected that de Gasperi would report to a meeting of the Council of Ministers on Friday on the results of the Ministers' conference on decisions relative to the problem of the Italian peace treaty.

The Italian press to-day also bitterly attacked the conference which according to Rome's "La Voce Repubblicana" made no distinction between Italy and the other enemy countries. Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.

A speedy reorganization of the veterans administration of the Medical Department with Major General Paul R. Hawley as Chief was forecast to start as soon as President Truman signs the Bill before him authorizing it. Associated Press.

Appeal For Equality

MEXICO CITY, DEC. 29.

AN APPEAL TO ALL PARLIAMENTS OF THE WORLD AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION TO ABOLISH RACIAL COLOUR DISCRIMINATION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. WHEN APPROVED BY THE SENATE, IT WILL BE PROCLAIMED IN THE NAME OF THE MEXICAN CONGRESS.

Asserting that the Nazi claim of racial superiority caused the second world war, the appeal says "the international policy of Mexico has been based fundamentally on equality to all men and all races."

"Never has she admitted and never will she admit inequality among men for their colour or origin. True world democracy is a link of all peoples and the best guarantee against another war does not recognize and cannot recognize any differences among Europeans, Indo-Americans, Asians, Negroes or Jews. Only from complete equality of all men of all races can there come a pacific development of humanity, culture and civilization." Associated Press.

homely young deaf-mute became an overnight success as a dance hostess.

A common crack along Gasp Row was that shocked whisper: "Why look, there's Nina with her husband!"

OLD STORY

It was the same old story. The frustrated men of Melbourne and Sydney and Honolulu and Manila had seen it. So had the French. Even the swarthy awnings of India—famed experts in the art of love—had muttered into their beards when the Yanks crashed their harems.

It wasn't just the uniforms, the cigarettes and the chewing gum. It wasn't even the greenbacks, the medals and the B-29s, although it was a bit of all these.

The Yanks had brought with them a breath of fresh air that stirred the atmosphere of a once-thriving metropolis that had been gathering dust for four stultifying years. The Yanks reminded the city of what it had been once. And the city didn't need a second reminder. Associated Press.

Unfounded Suspicion Of British Intentions

LONDON, DEC. 29.

IN A LEADING ARTICLE ON THE ANGLO-DUTCH CONVERSATIONS NOW TAKING PLACE IN LONDON, THE "TIMES" SAYS THAT AFTER THE JAPANESE IN JAVA HAD DISARMED THEMSELVES BY HANDING OVER THEIR EQUIPMENT TO TERRORIST BANDS OF "BLACK BUFFALOS" AND FASCIST YOUTH BANDS OF THEIR OWN CREATION, BRITAIN AGAINST HER WILL BECAME A PARTY TO THE DOMESTIC DISPUTE BETWEEN THE DUTCH AUTHORITIES AND THE JAVANESE NATIONALISTS.

For this, she has incurred grave suspicion among the Asiatic peoples, with whom she is seeking, her own adjustment, on the ground that she is facilitating the restoration of "Imperialism," of a type that is now deemed outmoded.

"The Netherlands Government's response to the anxieties expressed by the United States State Department on Saturday last makes it clear," says the "Times," "that this suspicion is unfounded and that the Dutch Authorities are determined to press forward with the solution of the Indonesian problem that shall accord with the principles of the United Nations Charter."

FIRST STOP

"The restoration of order in Java is the first step towards that adjustment between the Netherlands Government and the Nationalist movement, which the general interest of the United Nations demands."

"The upshot of the conversations now proceeding between the Dutch and British Prime Ministers will doubtless determine what contribution this country can make towards creating conditions favourable to a satisfactory settlement."

The Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says: "I understand that a spirit of accommodation prevails and that there is a likelihood that an offer of considerable self-government will be made to the Indonesians." Reuter.

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A MODEL SHOOTING

New York, Dec. 29.

Capt. Eugene Dale, 27, of Enid, Oklahoma, a survivor of the Bataan death march and three years in a Japanese prison camp, was critically wounded yesterday, police said, in the apartment of an attractive former "Powers model."

Capt. Archie B. Miller of Bellevue, Texas, husband of the woman, was arrested on charges of felonious assault. Dale was shot in the head, chest and abdomen. Police said three other shots went wild. Associated Press.

China Not Satisfied With Unrra Relief

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HOPES THAT THE U.N.R.R.A. ALREADY DECLARED \$675,000,000 RELIEF REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR CHINA SOON WILL BE RAISED EVEN TO LARGER DIMENSIONS WERE EXPRESSED BY CHENG PAO-NAN, DIRECTOR OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL RELIEF REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION, REPRESENTING U.N.R.R.A. IN THE UNITED STATES.

CHENG SAID THAT CHINA IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT U.N.R.R.A. PROGRAMME "BECAUSE WE FEEL THE ALLOTMENT WAS NOT MADE UPON THE BASIS OF EQUITY WITH OTHER NATIONS RECEIVING U.N.R.R.A. ASSISTANCE OR WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE HUGE POPULATION NEEDING ASSISTANCE."

Cheng stated that the U.N.R.R.A. programme sub-committee is presently "reconsidering the allotment for China and it may be increased within 10 days."

Cheng asserted that Italy as an "ex-enemy country" with a population of only 45,000,000, or 1/10th of China, was granted \$409,000,000 by U.N.R.R.A., and enumerated Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Australia, Albania, Ukraine, White Russia as additional areas receiving proportionately larger amounts of U.N.R.R.A. money than China.

"We asked U.N.R.R.A. for \$945,000,000 and we feel that this request should be justified. This is but a portion of the \$2,727,000,000 the foreign exchange relief programme of China inaugurated for itself which we hope will be executed within a few years."

"In addition we have C.N.\$3,000,000 for the concurrent relief programme so it can't be said that China has not been seeking help for herself." Associated Press.

Germany's Oil

Berlin, Dec. 29.

Russia receives 200 tons of gasoline daily from the Leuna synthetic oil plant near Merseburg which is 20 per cent of restored production of war time capacity achieved by the Allies.

Germany has learned from the Soviet military governor at Dresden, Major-General N. Dubrovski, that the Russians have no plans to transfer the military government to civilian status. Denazification is being less strenuously conducted by the Russians than the Americans.

With leading Nazis jailed or ousted the task has been turned over to the Germans. The Red Army's conduct toward the Germans appeared to be formal. There is no open fraternisation with frauleins.

In Leipzig, which was first occupied by the Americans, the people said "If the Americans were here our children would be following them around. You don't see children following Russians." Associated Press.

PHONE TO CEYLON

London, Dec. 29.

The Britain-Ceylon telephone service will be re-opened on Jan. 1, 1946, the Postmaster-General announced to-day.

The service will be available on week days between 8.30 and 12.30 G.M.T. only. Conditions for the rest of the day are unfavourable.

The cost for a minimum of a three-minute call is £3:0:0. Associated Press.

WANT TO GO BACK

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.

The U.S. Immigration Service to-day said that more than 4,000 Japanese-American born will be shipped from Portland, Oregon, to Japan.

Immigration authorities said that "this represents the largest exodus of aliens at one time."

They said that the "city are returning to Japan voluntarily."

The group includes American-born Japanese who renounced American citizenship, Japanese who were interned during the war as enemy aliens and a few Japanese being returned under the deportation proceedings. Associated Press.

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What Next?

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.

Rep. Ellis Patterson, California Democrat, says he will introduce a bill when Congress reconvenes to provide that Britain cede her island possessions in the West Indies to the United States in return for the proposed \$4,000,000,000 Loan. Associated Press.

Is This A Record?

AN R.A.F. AIRMAIL RECORD OF EIGHT DAYS FOR A LETTER FROM THE TRANSIT STATION AT LEYDIA VIA PORT DARWIN TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND A REPLY TO THE SAME IS REPORTED BY AN R.A.F. CREWMAN WHO WAS THE HAPPY RECEIVER OF THE INCOMING MESSAGE.

This has been made possible by the direct air mail service which employs De Havilland Mosquitoes. The occurrence is a remarkable one inasmuch as the normal is about six days each way.

The report has put R.A.F.S. here, however, into somewhat of a crouch as the service here from the United Kingdom via Karachi, Rangoon and Saigon takes from 12 to 14 days at its speediest. That is, also, only one way.

4,500 Japs Leaving U.S.A.

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 29.

Special trains will arrive tomorrow with the first of the 4,500 Japanese who will sail into this week for Japan aboard the transport "General Gordon," an immigration official said to-day.

Vernon W. Tomlinson, who is in charge of the Portland Immigration and Naturalization Service Branch, said that most of the Japanese are sailing on their own request, but the government is deporting a few. They come from three internment camps.

The public will not be allowed near the vessel, the largest ever to dock here, nor will Japanese be allowed to visit relatives on board the ship or in the dock. Tomlinson said.

About 1,800 children under 16 and 1,400 women are expected to be among those leaving. The Japanese will occupy two quarters, travelling the same way as soldiers do. Associated Press.

RADIO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th 1945.

CHURCH SERVICE FROM THE STUDIO.

ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 740 Kilocycles and from 12.80 to 1.30 p.m., 5.00 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.59 K.H.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.45 p.m.—Orchestra Mascotte.

1.00 p.m.—"Romance and Rhythm"—J.S.B.A.

1.10 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.15 p.m.—Saint-Saens—"Carnival of the Animals".

1.30 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Dance "Althour".

3.00 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra with Richard Tauber (solo).

3.30 p.m.—Orchestra Selections.

4.00 p.m.—Studio—Chair & Service by the Rev. J.H. Ogilvie, O.B.E., B.N.

4.15 p.m.—London Relay—News.

4.30 p.m.—Frederic Bayon at the Organ—ENBA.

4.45 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.

5.00 p.m.—Grand Variety Programme.

5.30 p.m.—Studio—Art, Caricature and the B.N.S. Hongkong Orchestra.

6.00 p.m.—London City News.

6.30 p.m.—B.C.C. Winter Singers.

6.45 p.m.—Fifteen Hour with Massenet.

7.00 p.m.—Benjamin Gligli (Tenor) with the State Opera Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Bookworm—Symphony No. 6 in D Major Op. 68 ("Pastoral").

8.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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